

108TH CONGRESS
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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina,
and its many partners for the Festival of Flight,
a celebration of the centennial of Wilbur and
Orville Wright's first flight, the first controlled,
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Whereas on December 17, 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright achieved history's first sustained and controlled flight with a heavier-than-air, engine-powered aircraft at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina;

Whereas the Wright brothers' first flight lasted only 12 seconds and spanned approximately 120 feet, but ushered in the era of modern aviation;

Whereas the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina, will host a series of aviation-related events worthy of the 100-year anniversary of the Wright brothers' momentous achievement at Kitty Hawk;

Whereas the Fayetteville Festival of Flight will take place May 16–26, 2003, and will be the largest public centennial event in North Carolina celebrating the first flight and 1 of only 4 events nationwide endorsed as a full partner by the United States Centennial of Flight Commission;

Whereas retired General Henry Hugh Shelton, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Congressional Gold Medal recipient, is the Honorary Event Chair;

Whereas the Fayetteville Festival of Flight will feature a weekend arts festival, a military air show at Pope Air Force Base, a general aviation air show at Grannis Field and an exposition with aviation displays and interactive exhibits depicting the past, present, and future of flight;

Whereas a year-long educational curriculum has also been developed to encourage students' interest in aviation and flight technology;

Whereas this educational focus will culminate with 1,000 students being sponsored each day for exclusive access to the Festival's Aviation Exposition; and

Whereas the City of Fayetteville and a number of civic groups, private businesses, government agencies, and military partners, are joining together to honor the Nation's aerospace achievements: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That Congress honors the City of Fayette-

1 ville, North Carolina, and its many partners, for the Fes-
2 tival of Flight, a celebration of the centennial of Wilbur
3 and Orville Wright's first flight, the first controlled, pow-
4 ered flight in history.

Passed the House of Representatives March 31,
2003.

Attest:

Clerk.